REMARKS

Appl. No.: 10/605,990

Claims 1-23 are pending in the application. The claims now show the proper status identifier as requested by the Examiner. No new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Office Communication, the claims were indicated as in improper form under 37 CFR 1.121 because claim status identifiers were missing and the claims were included as a part of the Substitute Specification and not in a separate claim listing; the Remarks section was required to include a statement indicating no new matter was included in the Substitute Specification; and additional markings were requested for drawings included in the Substitute Specification.

Claim Listing

In the outstanding Office Communication, the claims were indicated as in improper form under 37 CFR 1.121 because claim status identifiers were missing and the claims were included as a part of the Substitute Specification and not in a separate claim listing. In response to this indication, the claims have been excluded from the Substitute Specification and are included in a separate claim listing with status identifiers. In addition, amendments to the ABSTRACT are also included as a separate section. In consideration of the above, Applicants believe the reply is now fully responsive.

No New Matter Statement

In the outstanding Office Communication, the Remarks section was required to include a statement indicating no new matter was included in the Substitute Specification. In response to this requirement, Applicants respectfully submit that the attached Substitute Specification includes no new matter. In consideration of the above, Applicants believe the reply is now fully responsive.

Replacement Drawings

In the outstanding Office Communication, additional markings were requested for drawings included in the Substitute Specification. In response to this indication, the drawings have been excluded from the Substitute Specification. No changes have been made to the original drawings, so replacement drawings are not required. In consideration of the above, Applicants believe the reply is now fully responsive.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 09-0456, under Order No. 21806-00151-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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